COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY

IAB #: IV2291399

INCIDENT: Domestic Violence (Off Duty)

DATE / TIME: June 24, 2011 / 2225 Hours

LOCATION: [redacted]

INVOLVED PERSONNEL:
Jeanette Freeman #[redacted]
Deputy Sheriff
Parks Bureau, Countywide Services Division

[redacted]#[redacted]
Deputy Sheriff
Transit Bureau North, Transit Policing Division

<u>OPENING STATEMENT</u>

It was alleged that on Friday, June 24, 2011, off-duty Deputies Jeanette Freeman and [redacted] were involved in a family dispute in their home at [redacted] During the dispute, Subject [redacted] alleged he was struck in the face by Subject Freeman, she threw a vase at him which struck a doorframe near his head, and she broke his cell phone and several picture frames. Subject Freeman alleged Subject [redacted] caused a scratch to her hand.

<u>SYNOPSIS</u>

On June 24, 2011, several officers from the Upland Police Department responded to the home ([redacted] of Subjects Freeman and [redacted] regarding a family disturbance. While he was in route to the disturbance, Sergeant [redacted] conducted a traffic stop on a Ford Mustang that he saw leaving a nearby alley with its headlights off. Driving the Mustang was Subject Freeman who was subsequently detained.

At the home, Officers [redacted] and [redacted] contacted Subject [redacted] and his two [redacted] and [redacted] In speaking to Subject [redacted] and his [redacted] they alleged that Subject Freeman had struck Subject [redacted] several times in the face, broke several picture frames and threw a ceramic vase at the head of Subject [redacted] In speaking with Subject Freeman, she indicated that there was no physical contact between her and Subject [redacted] Refer to the Upland police reports in **Exhibit A**.

In addition, the officers learned that Subjects Freeman and [redacted] were in a dating relationship and living together at that location. Based on their investigation, Officers [redacted] and [redacted] determined Subject Freeman had committed an assault with a deadly weapon, 245(A)(1) P.C. on Subject [redacted] by throwing the vase at his head. Subject Freeman was arrested for the assault. After being taking into custody, Subject Freeman alleged that a scratch to her left hand was caused by Subject [redacted] Subject [redacted] was subsequently arrested for Domestic Battery, 243(E)(1) P.C. and taken into custody.

> **IAB Note:** IAB Investigators requested a copy of the 9-1-1 call made to Upland Police Department. According to their custodian of records [redacted], the 9-1-1 recording was destroyed after 180 days as part of their normal retention policy.

Detective [redacted] of the Upland Police Department presented the case to the San Bernardino District Attorney's Office for consideration of a complaint. The District Attorney filed one misdemeanor count of Assault with a Deadly Weapon, 245(A)(1) P.C. against Subject Freeman **(Exhibit B)**. The criminal case against Subject [redacted] was rejected due to the Lack of Corpus **(Exhibit C)**.

On April 14, 2014, the criminal case against Subject Freeman was dismissed after she completed a fifty-two week Domestic Violence/Batters Treatment Program and made payment to the House of Ruth. For further, refer to the court minutes **(Exhibit D)**.

WITNESS INTERVIEWS

Officer [redacted]

On November 4, 2014, Internal Affairs Bureau Sergeant Victor Allen interviewed Upland Police Department Officer [redacted] at Upland Police Department. The interview was audio recorded and later transcribed. A copy of the audio file and transcript are included in the case. The following is a summary of the interview.

Officer [redacted] stated that he authored a supplemental report documenting the event and his actions (Pages 7-10 of Exhibit A). He said his report is a true and

accurate account of the incident.

In addition to what was contained in his report, Officer [redacted] said he had contact with both Subjects Freeman and [redacted] during this incident. He described Subject Freeman as being somewhat cooperative. He said she was very argumentative as they tried to explain things to her. Officer [redacted] described Subject [redacted] as being calm and collected. He said [redacted] explained everything that occurred very clearly.

Officer [redacted] said the damage to the doorframe appeared to be fresh. He made this determination because he said there was splintering to the wood on the doorframe and wood chips on the floor in the area of the vase. The wood chips appear to have come from the doorframe. Officer [redacted] looked at the photos of the doorframe **(Exhibit E)**. He said the photos depicted the damage he saw the night of June 24, 2011.

Officer [redacted]

On October 30, 2014, Internal Affairs Bureau Sergeant Victor Allen interviewed Upland Police Department Officer [redacted] at Upland Police Department. The interview was audio recorded and later transcribed. A copy of the audio file and transcript are included in the case. The following is a summary of the interview.

Officer [redacted] stated that he authored a supplemental report documenting the event and his actions (Pages 10-11 of Exhibit A). He said his report is a true and accurate account of the incident.

Officer [redacted] said he responded to [redacted] the day after the domestic violence call involving Subjects Freeman and [redacted] He was dispatched to the location to interview the two [redacted] and [redacted] because they had not been interviewed. He said he did not have any contact with Subject Freeman or [redacted] on the night of the incident.

Officer [redacted] said he conducted the interview of the [redacted] separately. In their interview, each of the [redacted] stated they saw Subject Freeman with a knife in her left hand. [redacted] described the knife and an eight-inch folding knife with a silver blade and black handle. [redacted] said Subject Freeman had the knife behind her back. [redacted] described the knife a having a seven-inch silver blade with a black handle. [redacted] said Subject Freeman was holding the knife at her side.

> **IAB Note:** In her IAB interview, Subject Freeman denied having a knife in possession during this incident. Subject [redacted] said he did not see Subject Freeman with a knife.

Officer [redacted] said his interview with [redacted] and [redacted] was audio record. He

identified the audio file #27381295 in **Exhibit F** as the file he recorded.

Officer [redacted]

On October 30, 2014, Internal Affairs Bureau Sergeant Victor Allen interviewed Upland Police Department Officer [redacted] at Upland Police Department. The interview was audio recorded and later transcribed. A copy of the audio file and transcript are included in the case. The following is a summary of the interview.

Officer [redacted] stated that he authored a supplemental report (Pages 11-12 of Exhibit A) documenting his actions during the domestic violence call at [redacted] on June 24, 2011. He said his report is a true and accurate account of the incident.

In addition to what was contained in his report, Officer [redacted] said he only had contact with Subject [redacted] during this incident. He said he did not discuss with Subject [redacted] what occurred in the home. He said during his interaction with Subject [redacted] Subject [redacted] was calm, very relaxed and professional.

Officer [redacted] said his contact with Subject [redacted] was recorded. He identified the audio files #24012222, 24012223 and 24012224 in Exhibit F as the recordings he made during this incident.

Officer [redacted]

On October 31, 2014, Internal Affairs Bureau Sergeant Victor Allen interviewed Upland Police Department Officer [redacted] at Upland Police Department. The interview was audio recorded and later transcribed. A copy of the audio file and transcript are included in the case. The following is a summary of the interview.

Officer [redacted] stated that he authored a supplemental report documenting the event and his actions (Pages 4-7 of Exhibit A). He said his report is a true and accurate account of the incident.

In addition to what was contained in his report, Officer [redacted] said he had contact with both Subject Freeman and [redacted] during this incident. He described Subject Freeman as being cooperative during his contact with her. She had told him she had consumed one glass of wine prior to this incident. Officer [redacted] said she did not appear to be intoxicated.

Officer [redacted] described Subject [redacted] as being cooperative as well. He said it did not appear that Subject [redacted] had consumed any alcoholic beverages. He said his interaction with them did not affect his perception of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

Officer [redacted] said he did not recall seeing any of the damage inside the home. He had learned through interviews that a vase had been thrown causing the damage to the doorframe.

Officer [redacted] said his interaction with Subjects Freeman and [redacted] were recorded. He identified the audio files #27640294 and 27640295 in Exhibit F as the recordings he made during this incident.

Sergeant [redacted]

On November 4, 2014, Internal Affairs Bureau Sergeant Victor Allen interviewed Upland Police Department Sergeant [redacted] at Upland Police Department. The interview was audio recorded and later transcribed. A copy of the audio file and transcript are included in the case. The following is a summary of the interview.

Sergeant [redacted] said he did not author a report regarding this incident. On June 24, 2011, he said he responded [redacted] regarding a domestic violence call. As he drove to the scene, he saw a car leaving the alley with its headlights off. Believing the car might be related to the call, he said he conducted a traffic stop on the vehicle. Inside the car was Subject Freeman.

Sergeant [redacted] said upon contacting Subject Freeman, she was cooperative. He said he smelled an odor of an alcoholic beverage coming from her person, but she was not slurring her words or having any difficulty walking. Sergeant [redacted] said he was not the supervisor on the call. He informed Sergeant [redacted] who was the supervisor on scene regarding his contact with Subject Freeman. He also advised Subject [redacted] that Subject Freeman had been driving his car.

> **IAB Note:** Sergeant [redacted] had been off work for several months due to a job related injury. My contact information was provided to Sergeant [redacted] on two occasions by the Upland Police Department; however, he did not contact me.

Sergeant [redacted] said he did not have much contact with Subject [redacted] but said Subject [redacted] was cooperative. He said his interaction with both Subjects Freeman and [redacted] was audio recorded. He identified the audio file that contained his ID number of 514, transaction number of 188742 and job number of 768 (5140768) as the recording he made from this incident (Exhibit F).

[redacted]

> **IAB Note:** The officers from Upland Police Department based the assault with a deadly weapon charge against Subject Freeman on their determination that vase was thrown near the head of Subject [redacted] They came to this conclusion

based on the statements and damage to the doorjamb. During her IAB interview, Subject Freeman attributed the damage to the doorjamb to her [redacted] who assisted them with the move into the home. Witness [redacted] was interviewed to determine the cause of the damage.

On October 29, 2014, Internal Affairs Bureau Sergeant Victor Allen interviewed Witness [redacted] at the [redacted] The interview was audio recorded and later transcribed. A copy of the audio file and transcript are included in the case.

Witness [redacted] said he is the [redacted] of Subject Freeman. He said he knew Subject [redacted] only during the course of the relationship Subject [redacted] had with Subject Freeman. They had met approximately two times.

Witness [redacted] said he assisted Subjects Freeman and [redacted] when they moved into the home at [redacted] During the move, Witness [redacted] said he damaged one of the walls in the house while moving part of a bed. He said it happen while moving either the headboard or the bed frame around a corner in the house. He remembered saying they would need to touch the area up with paint. Witness [redacted] said he believed both Subjects [redacted] and Freeman were aware of the damage he caused to the wall. He did not recall causing any damage to any of the floors.

When asked if the damage he caused was to the wall or the door frame, Witness [redacted] said it was to the drywall portion of the wall. He was shown two photos **(Exhibit O)** of the damage to the door frame. After seeing the photos, Witness [redacted] identified the damage to the wooden door frame depicted in the two photos as the damage he caused while moving part of the bed.

SUBJECT INTERVIEWS

Subject [redacted]

On Tuesday September 16, 2014, Internal Affairs Bureau Sergeants Victor Allen and Brian Godwin interviewed Subject [redacted] at Internal Affairs Bureau. Representing Subject [redacted] during the interview was Attorney Leslie Wilcox from Green and Shinee. The interview was audio recorded and later transcribed. A copy of the audio file and transcript are included in the case.

Subject [redacted] said he had been dating Subject Freeman for about a year and a half. On June 24, 2011, they had been living together for about eight months. After that date, the relationship continued for about another two months.

Subject [redacted] said on June 24, 2011, Subject Freeman had spoken to his [redacted] ([redacted] by telephone. During this conversation, Subject Freeman and his

[redacted] became involved in an argument. His [redacted] had told Subject Freeman that he (Subject [redacted] did not love her and would not marry her. After speaking to his [redacted] Subject [redacted] said Subject Freeman called him on the telephone. When Subject Freeman called him, she was upset over the conversation she had with his [redacted] Subject [redacted] tried to talk with Subject Freeman. As they spoke about the conversation with his [redacted] Subject [redacted] told Subject Freeman, if she did not believe him, they did not need to be together. He said their phone conversation then ended.

Subject [redacted] said, when he arrived home from work, Subject Freeman was not there. He had been home about five minutes when Subject Freeman arrived at the house. She confronted him in the master bedroom about the conversation she had with his [redacted] Subject [redacted] said Subject Freeman began to punch him, slap him and grabbed him by his neck. She was crying and saying something to him, but Subject [redacted] did not recall what she was saying. He told her to stop and told his [redacted] to call the police. His [redacted] where in their bedroom which was adjacent to the master bedroom. Subject [redacted] did not try to stop Subject Freeman from hitting him. He was concerned about any marks he would cause to her due to her light complexion. In addition, his [redacted] where in the house and he wanted them to understand that you did not put your hands on a woman.

Subject [redacted] said Subject Freeman then grabbed his cell phone. She began to slam it against the sink several times causing it to break. He told his [redacted] to call 9-1-1 and he left to go into the room with his [redacted] Subject [redacted] said Subject Freeman followed him out of the room. She grabbed a vase that was in the hallway and threw it at him. As he was entering his [redacted] room, he said the vase hit the doorjamb leading to the room. The vase struck the doorjamb at a height near his head. Subject [redacted] went into his [redacted] room and spoke to the police dispatcher on the telephone. Subject [redacted] heard Subject Freeman slamming down the pictures frames in the hallway. He then heard her leave the house.

A short time later, Subject [redacted] said the officers from Upland Police Department arrived at his home. He explained to them what had occurred and that he was desirous of prosecution. Subject [redacted] then learned that Subject Freeman was being detained and was stopped driving his car. He was not aware she had taken his car and she did not have permission to drive it.

Later, a sergeant from the Upland Police Department advised him that Subject Freeman was desirous of prosecution for a scratch to her hand. She told the officer's the scratch was caused by Subject [redacted] Subject [redacted] denied grabbing Subject Freeman's hand, placing his hand on her hand, causing the scratch to her hand or the redness to her wrist. Subject [redacted] did not know how Subject Freeman sustained the injury to her hand, but pointed out that Subject Freeman had broken several glass picture frames. He denied placing his hands on her in any way or trying to restrain her. He identified the photos in **Exhibit G** as pictures of Subject Freeman's hands and wrist.

Subject [redacted] reviewed the photos of the damage to the doorjamb **(Exhibit H)**. He said the damage was caused when the vase struck it. He said it was not caused when they moved into the home. He recalled a floor being damaged by the refrigerator when they moved in.

Subject [redacted] identified the broken pictures frames depicted in the photos **Exhibit I** and **Exhibit J** as the pictures Subject Freeman knocked off the counter. The photos depicted in **Exhibit K**, Subject [redacted] identified as the vase he said Subject Freeman threw at him. He identified the pictures that were taken of him in **Exhibit L**. He believed the red marks on his neck were caused when Subject Freeman grabbed him. The photos in **Exhibit M** he identified as pictures of Subject Freeman. Regarding the photos of the damaged louvers in **Exhibit N**, Subject [redacted] said there were louvers throughout the home. He did not know which part of the house the photos depicted or what caused the damage.

Subject Jeanette Freeman

On Thursday, September 11, 2014, Internal Affairs Bureau Sergeants Victor Allen and Carlos Flores interviewed Subject Jeanette Freeman at Internal Affairs Bureau. Representing Subject Freeman during the interview was Attorney Charles Goldwasser. The interview was audio recorded and later transcribed. A copy of the audio file and transcript are included in the case.

Subject Freeman stated she met Subject [redacted] in May of 2010. They began living together as boyfriend and girlfriend in November of 2010. She said the relationship ended in April of 2012.

On Friday, June 24, 2011, Subject Freeman said she had called [redacted] at the request of Subject [redacted] Ms. [redacted] is the [redacted] of Subject [redacted] three [redacted] In speaking with Ms. [redacted] Subject Freeman said she learn Subject [redacted] had shared personal information about their relationship with Ms. [redacted] Subject Freeman called Subject [redacted] on the telephone and told him she was upset about what he was sharing with Ms. [redacted] This conversation with Subject [redacted] took place during the day while they were both at work.

After getting off work, Subject Freeman met with her [redacted]. While she was there, Subject Freeman consumed one or two glasses of wine. Subject Freeman planned to go home and retrieve some items so she could stay the weekend at her [redacted] home. When she arrived home, she heard Subject [redacted] speaking to his two [redacted] ([redacted] and [redacted] They were in the master bedroom. Subject Freeman confronted Subject [redacted] about what he was telling his [redacted] She said Subject [redacted] directed his [redacted] to their room.

After his [redacted] left the room, Subject Freeman said Subject [redacted] approached her. He did not like how she was talking in front of his [redacted] Subject Freeman grabbed Subject [redacted] new iPhone from the counter and began to smash it on the sink of the master bathroom. She grabbed the phone because she was upset. At that point, Subject Freeman said Subject [redacted] grabbed both her hands in an effort to stop her from breaking the phone. When he grabbed her hand, Subject Freeman said Subject [redacted] scratched her hand.

Subject Freeman was able to free her right hand from Subject [redacted] grasp. With her right hand, she slapped Subject [redacted] twice across his face. Subject [redacted] then released his grasp on her hand. Subject Freeman said Subject [redacted] left their room and went into the bedroom with the [redacted] She followed him into the room and saw that [redacted] was on the phone with a 9-1-1 operator.

Subject Freeman left the [redacted] room and went back to the master bedroom. She grabbed Subject [redacted] car keys and went back into the [redacted] room. In the bedroom, she heard Subject [redacted] elling, "She's a deputy sheriff." Subject Freeman left the room again. This time, Subject [redacted] followed her and was cursing at her. Subject Freeman said on a counter in the hallway, there were several pictures. She slapped the pictures causing them all to fall down to the ground. She then picked up a vase and threw it in Subject [redacted] direction. She said the vase landed on the floor. Subject Freeman said she was not throwing the vase at Subject [redacted] She left the location in Subject [redacted] car. As she was leaving, Subject Freeman was stopped by officers form the Upland Police Department.

Subject Freeman identified the broken pictures frames depicted in the photos **(Exhibits P and Q)** as the pictures frames she slapped off the counter. The damage to the door frame that is depicted in the photos (**Exhibit R**), Subject Freeman said was caused by her [redacted], when he assisted them in moving into the home. She identified the photos in **Exhibit S** as depicting her injuries to her hand and wrists she said was caused by Subject [redacted] Subject Freeman identified the broken vase depicted in the photos in **Exhibit T** as the vase she threw. She identified Subject [redacted] as the person depicted in the photos of **Exhibit U**. Subject Freeman also said there were louvers throughout the home. She did not know which part of the house the photos in **Exhibit V** depicted or what caused the damage.